

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1034

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: H.B. No. 696
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 696,
H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the
Hawaii Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board to help increase and
strengthen the healthcare workforce in the State.

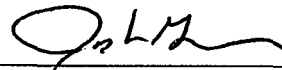
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, University of Hawaii at Mānoa,
Hawaii Primary Care Association, and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's healthcare demands will
dramatically increase in the upcoming decade due to additional
requirements established by the federal Patient Protection and
Affordable Care Act of 2010 and the already widening health
disparity among Hawaii's residents. However, with careful
planning and preparation, Hawaii can meet these demands and ensure
that access to quality healthcare remains a priority.
Specifically, the State must follow the recommendations made by
the Hawaii Healthcare Workforce 20/20 plan to strengthen the
pipeline into health careers and must take additional efforts
toward meeting the health-related objectives and policies
established by the Hawaii State Planning Act.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 696, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSH GREEN, Chair



**Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes